

Golden Township Board  
Minutes  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Golden Township board was called to order by Chairman Walsworth at 7:30 p.m., Board members present, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Walsworth & Kolosci.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guest Speakers:

Julie Springsted, Brad Lambrix and Jay Burrows.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 minutes with corrections, all yes, motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 special meeting, all yes motion carried.

A letter from Verizon Telecommunications was read concerning a possible tower site in Golden Township. Also read was a letter from the department of History, Arts and Libraries inviting interested parties to a meeting in Saugatuck June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Treasurers report was reviewed by the board.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve the Treasurers report, all yes motion carried.

Cargill showed the board the news letter she will send out with the summer taxes which will contain dates to remember, an update of projects the Township has been working on as well as the Clean up day coupon, which they must bring to Johnson Square along with a copy of their tax bill or form of I.D.

Presentation of the bills,

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring, to approve check numbers 11659-11705 totaling \$42,909.34, roll call vote, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Walsworth and Kolosci all yes motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Whelpley gave the zoning report; a letter has been sent to the Saunders family concerning their building in downtown Mears, Bob Saunders has stated that the building and property will be cleaned up this summer.

Mike Fuller has been sited for illegally running a campground and was fined \$50.00. Whelpley will follow up.

It was said that the DEQ has been notified of a possible wetlands violation at the Fuller property as well.

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Whelpley also gave an update on the Planning Commission stating that The Wind Powered Generator Ordinance is in the final stages with the Public Hearing being June 21st, 2006, 7:30 p.m. at the Mears Methodist Church community center. Also that the Commission. The Pranger P.U.D. site condominium was discussed, Whelpley stated that the lots are all over 1 acre and has black topped road meeting our standards. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to approve the Pranger Silver Vista P.U.D. site condominium project parcel # 64-006-031-300-05, all yes motion carried.

The Zoning administrators revised job description was reviewed (on file).

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring. To implement and approve the new Zoning Administrators job description. All yes motion carried.

Land divisions were discussed, Whelpley stated that in Golden he has kept an on going record on computer of all Land divisions and that the 10 year date is coming up in 2007 which is when they can split again.

Fuehring stated that he would like to see all the minutes indexed on computer, so that when an issue arises all minutes relating to the subject will be easily found.

Junk Ordinance violations were discussed, Convictions resulting in clean up and progress on clean up were Valentine and Ormsby.

The Gil Lake property is still in violation next step will be circuit court, but Lake is thought to still be out of the state.

Bob Henry asked the board to accept a petition to form a special assessment district for the commercial property owners in Silver for the Silver Lake corridor project to pay for the 20% of the project that grant monies etc. will not pay for estimated to be \$150,000.00, the project is looking at a schedule start date of 2010 or 2011 if all goes well. It was said that no residential properties were to be assessed. There are 57 properties involved; Mr. Henry stated that he has signatures for 40 of the 57 parcels, leaving 17 parcels unrepresented. There was question on the number of parcels and the number of actual parties involved.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to accepted petition from the Silver Lake Business owners to create a special assessment district for road enhancement project. all yes, motion carried.

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**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the township board does hereby tentatively declare its intent to do enhancements to the Silver Lake Corridor:  
34<sup>th</sup> Ave at Fox Rd. to Hazel Rd., 7594 w. Hazel Rd. to North Shore Drive, North Shore Dr. to 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, 24<sup>th</sup> Ave to Ridge Road, Silver Lake Rd at Hazel Rd to 9765 w. Silver Lake Rd. and 591 N. 18<sup>th</sup>. Ave to Silver Lake Rd.  
in a 3 phased project enhancing the Silver Lake Corridor with walkways, bike paths, lighting etc. for the safety of the community and visitors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the township board does tentatively designate the special assessment district against which the costs of the improvements is to be assessed as the Silver Lake Corridor project. which shall include the lands and premises more particularly described above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a hearing on any objections to the petitions, to the improvement, the estimated costs, and to the special assessment district proposed to be established for the assessment of the cost of such improvement, shall be decided at the July meeting of the Township board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the clerk is instructed to give the proper notice of such hearing by mailing and publication in accordance with law and statute provided.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

UPON roll call vote, the following voted “Aye”  
Walsworth, Kolosci, Ackley, Fuehring & Cargill  
The following voted “nay”

The supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

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Laurie Kolosci, Golden Township Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Laurie Kolosci, the duly elected and acting clerk of the Township of Golden, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true copy of an excerpt of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Golden Township board, Oceana County, Michigan, held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at which meeting all members were present as indicated in said minutes and voted as therein set forth: that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan, and the foregoing excerpt contains all material pertinent to the Silver Lake Corridor Project.

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Laurie Kolosci Golden Township Clerk

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Alleyway & unimproved roadway abandonment in the village plat of Mears was discussed. Cargill explained that community members had approached her and asked if the Township board would consider abandoning some of the alleyways and unimproved roads in Mears. Interested property owners have brought in highlighted and signed copies of the plat, marking the areas that they are asking to have abandoned. It was said that many have wells, septic systems and buildings already existing in the easements.

Cargill explained that the Oceana County Road Commission has a fee of \$500.00 for filing abandonment's and that the cost could be split among those requesting the abandonment's making it cheaper for everyone. The areas in question should also be researched to ensure ownership and easement questions are all addressed. If the alleys and roads are abandoned the village plat and Lake Michigan shores plat must be changed and filed at the courthouse.

It was also asked that Oak between Range and Reynolds in Lake Michigan shores be abandoned at the same time along with the village requests. (Maps attached).

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley, to move forward with the abandonment process, for attached alley and unimproved road ways with Golden Township, and the road commission fee being split among the requesting parties. All yes, motion carried.

A letter from the Equalization office pertaining to address' and road names in Golden Township was discussed. Apparently there are a few problems with the numbering and road names. Joy St and 4<sup>th</sup> St. will be eliminated to end the confusion of the street names. Only 56<sup>th</sup> Ave and Fox Rd. will be used.

A problem also exists with West Shore Drive which should actually be North Shore Dr.

Motion by Cargill Support by Fuehring to change West Shore Dr. to the correct name of North Shore Dr. and to change Joy St. to 56<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Fourth St. to Fox Rd, all yes, motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill, to set the Truth in Taxation public hearing date for July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Golden Township Hall. All yes motion carried.

A letter from Jack Warfield concerning double towing at Silver Lake was read.  
(on file)

Old Business:

Val-Du-Lakes reinstatement of the P.U.D. with restrictions/conditions and update request from the Township board were discussed. Mr. Fitzpatrick told of the progress he has made with the fence construction, stating he had installed approximately 150' of fencing to date. Mr. Fitzpatrick also stated that he had order a gate for the entrance to the camp.

When ask what he planned to do with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend coming Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that he would have amply security, a guard at the entrance gate and that the rules would be enforced. He also stated that he would make sure that the fence project would be completed according to the schedule as stated at the special meeting held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 (schedule on file)

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Mr. Fitzpatrick also mentioned to the board that with the proper infrastructure in place he would like to move into the area previously used for overflow camping with the proper permits and approved plans.

Terry Way of Silver Hills campground asked who he could call from the board if a problem arises, it was said that he should call Jake Whelpley the Zoning Administrator. At that time Fuehring stated that Mr. Fitzpatrick had better have control of the situation or he would be shut down and have great difficulty obtaining permits in Golden Township.

Jim Briggs of West Michigan Sand dragway submitted a letter of request for ten over night camping spaces for July 17<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, East Meets West race. Promising to have security, no campfires allowed and all to be quiet by 11:00 p.m..

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to approve (10) ten overnight camp spaces for July 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at West Michigan Sand Dragway, following the conditions set forth in Mr. Briggs letter (on file). All yes motion carried.

Public Input:

Ted Beattie reported that the snake trail is still clean but, people are now dumping garbage on Hazel Rd.

Tom Shaw of Sandia Dr. Mears told the board of an on going situation he has in his private subdivision with the neighbors having extremely high numbers of people, vehicles blocking the private road which denies him access to his house and over all chaos and disrespect of the neighbors. Mr. Shaw asked that the Township Board please help. Zoning Administrator Whelpley has been instructed to research the situation and speak with the Township attorney and the Health Department to see what avenues are available to the Township, as well as the residence of the subdivision, to help solve the problem.

Whelpley will also investigate other area Ordinances pertaining to rental units in areas with similar problems. (Park township, Ottawa Co. and Holland were mentioned).

It was said that the new No U-Turn signs installed on Ridge Rd. were not working, Chairman Walsworth stated that the actual designated turn around area had not yet been constructed and felt that it would help when it was.

The Junk Ordinance was discussed and explained that it is a County Ordinance not a Township Ordinance but, that the Township does offer to file the complaint so that neighbor against neighbor problems don't arise.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to adjourn, meeting adjourned 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci, Golden Township Clerk